

Atty Dkt. No. P65728US0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Ales PODGORNIK et al.

Serial No.: 09/601,037

Group Art Unit: 1723

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Examiner: THERKORN, ERNEST G.

For: NOVEL CHROMATOGRAPHIC DEVICE

**PETITION TO RESET THE PERIOD FOR
REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (MPEP 710.06)**Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Petition is made, hereby, to restart the time period for response set in the Office Action mailed December 26, 2001 (page 1 of which is attached as Exhibit A).

The mailing date of the Office Action was at the time mail was impounded for Anthrax contamination at the Brentwood mail facility of the United States Postal Service, which facility processes mail for the offices of the undersigned attorneys of record.

The offices of the undersigned received the Office Action on January 23, 2002, (a copy of the backside of page 1 of the Office Action showing the date stamp of receipt is attached as Exhibit B).

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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